

# Sermon Notes

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## **Care For God's Children and Go After Them If They Stray**

Matthew 18:10-14

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

### **The church's responsibility to care for each Christian**

"You all do not disregard one of these little ones."

Why might this happen?

We are too focused on ourselves.

We blame them.

That's none of my business.

**God's care for them is the reason we should care.**

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God's care demonstrated through the angels

(Ref.: Hebrews 1:14)

God's care illustrated by the parable of the one stray sheep

**God wants His disciples going after those astray.**

The greater joy of finding (and bringing back)

God's care demonstrated through His will for them not to perish

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

**Application questions for 7-20-2014 sermon**  
**Matthew 18:10-14**

When you are at any gathering of the church, are you on alert for the needs of others, that you might show care for them?

If/when you struggle with that, what do you think your main reason(s) are?

Three reasons listed in the sermon were, you are focused on your self your own needs, or you just blame others for their own being gone or being in sin, or you think "It's none of my business."

Is that right?

What is our general motivation to be for caring about other Christians?

(they are God's children and He cares greatly for them; so if we love God we will care for them)

What ways have you observed Christians get off of God's path?

Have you "gone after them", trying to help bring them back?

When you notice someone missing from a church gathering (Sundays, group, the ministry you serve in), do you call them?

Do you plan to make any changes in this area?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?